

HENRY WILSON.

JUNE 6, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAMUEL W. SMITH, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 1453.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1453) granting an increase of pension to Henry Wilson, have examined the same and the evidence relating thereto and respectfully report:

The bill proposes to increase from \$24 to \$40 per month the pension of Henry Wilson, of Lowell, Kent County, Mich.

The Senate report states the facts, and is as follows:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1453) granting an increase of pension to Henry Wilson, have examined the same and report:

A similar bill was introduced in the Senate during the Fifty-fourth Congress, passed the Senate, and was reported favorably by the House. The Senate report was as follows, which your committee adopt, and recommend the passage of the bill:

"While serving as a private in Company H, Fourth Regiment Kentucky Infantry, Henry Wilson was captured by the enemy and confined in the prisons at Andersonville, Ga., and Florence, S. C. While so confined, by reason of exposures to cold and without sufficient food and clothing, said Henry Wilson's feet were frozen, necessitating amputation. He was originally pensioned October 23, 1866, at \$4 per month, which was increased to \$8 May 10, 1871; \$16 March 3, 1873; \$18 February 2, 1877, and \$24 from June 19, 1889. The testimony of neighbors is to the effect that this soldier is a very heavy man, and that the condition of his feet is such that he is in constant pain when walking, and thereby rendered physically unable to perform manual labor.

"In this view of the case, the committee feel that this soldier should have his pension increased."

The bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it pass.

